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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT-REACTION TO SUSPENSION OF COMMISSION MEETING

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1. SECOND SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION BY ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION OF AUTOMOTIVE AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY SECTORAL PROGRAMS PROMPTED POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIALISTS (ANDI) TO ISSUE LENGTHY PRESS RELEASE EXPRESSING RESIOUS PREOCCUPATION ABOUT ANDEAN PACT. RELEASE STATES, "IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE ANDEAN GROUP HAS LOST THE GREAT DYNAMISM EXPERIENCED IN THE FIRST YEARS" AND THAT ITS FUTURE IS IN DOUBT. ANDI COMPLAINS THAT "A GOOD NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS" ARE PARALYZED IN SECTORS SUSCEPTIBLE OF PROGRAMMING. ANDI THEN OFFERS FULL COOPERATION TO THE GOC TO REVITALIZE THE PACT. (IN PRIVATE ANDI SPODESMEN ARE IF ANYTHING EVEN MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PACT'S FUTURE.)

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2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF FAILURE TO AGREE IN LIMA LAST WEEK,

EVIDENTLY BASED ON BRIEFING BY COLOMBIAN PARTICIPANTS, LABEL VENEZUELA AND CHILE AS MOST INTRANSIGENT, THE FORMER BECAUSE IT WANTS MUCH MORE IN BOTH SECTORS, THE LATTER BECAUSE IT WOULD BENEFIT MOST FROM BOTH DRAFT PROGRAMS AND DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE UP ANYTHING. PERU IS ALSO SAID TO BE TAKING A HARD LINE, BUT LESS SO THAN VENEZUELA AND CHILE, AND BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR SUPPOSEDLY HAVE STRONG POSITIONS ON PETROCHEMICALS BUT NOT ON AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR. COLOMBIA HAS REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATED THAT BOTH DRAFT PROGRAMS ARE INEQUITABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE, WHILE MAINTAINING A POSITION OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION (')

3. THE OFFICIAL GOC LINE IS LESS DRAMATIC. COLOMBIA COMMISSION MEMBER GALEANO DENIED THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN A FAILURE, EMPHASIZING THE COMPLEXITY OF MESHING THE INTEREST OF ALL SIX COUNTRIES..MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REMIREZ OCAMPO ALSO DENIED ANY FAILURE AND DECLARED HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PACT.

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